other than steel sector and expected to give a significant boost to the economy of the State as well as to employment.

I therefore, request the Government to clear the down-stream project for Naptha Cracker at the earliest.

**(iii) Need to appoint a high power committee for suggesting special provisions to ensure all-round development of Vidarbha region.**

SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR (Chimur) : The people of Vidarbha have even sacrificed their own material political stability in the country and have even sacrified their own material interests for that even after the Fazal ali Commission recommended a full fledged Statehood for Vidarbha.

The assurances repeatedly given to us by the central leadership have however been forgotten. The region continues to be neglected in every sphere of economic development including agriculture, industry, communication and the rest.

Severe droughts affect our region every alternate year while our rivers remain virgin and untapped. No allocation of funds has been made to implement prominent Indira Sagar Project on Wainganga River which will pave the new ways of prosperity.

We lost the Integral Coach Factory to be located at Wardha. The gas pipe line from Bombay High up north detours Vidarbha. No additional trains to New Delhi and Bombay from Nagpur directly are in sight in spite of a three-year old commitment from the Railway Ministry. Nor is Chandrapur Gondia-Jabalpur narrow-gauge converted into a broad-gauge one.

Nagpur city is waiting for its Sonegaon Airport to be converted into an international one. Gadchiroli, one of the most backward of all districts in the country and the only no-industry district in Maharashtra remains without any industry.

The Manas Gowaries and Halbas among the tribals are deprived of their tribal status and of all facilities that they enjoyed earlier.

I, therefore, appeal to the Prime Minister on behalf of the people of Vidarbha to appoint a high-power committee for formulating special provisions to ensure an all round development of Vidarbha without delay.

**(iv) Need to install electronic telephone exchange at Bareilly during the current year.**

*[Translation]*

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Sir, Bareilly is an important city of Uttar Pradesh. The Central

Government have taken a decision to develop it as a counter-magnet city under the National Capital Region. Bareilly is an important industrial town and is undergoing rapid development, but the telephone system in this city is utterly deplorable. There are more than ten thousand telephone subscribers and the exchange functioning there is obsolete and has a very few lines. The demand to install an electronic telephone exchange in Bareilly is being made for the last so many years, and assurances to install the same shortly have been given from time to time by the Department and the Government. Keeping in view the requirement and utility of an Electronic Exchange at Bareilly. I would urge the Hon. Minister of Communication to immediately announce the installation of an electronic telephone exchange at Bareilly during the current year and issue requisite instructions to the concerned Department in this regard.

**(v) Need to construct an over-bridge at Hathras Railway Junction**

DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL (Hathras) : Sir, Hathras is a business and industrial centre of Uttar Pradesh. The main Delhi-Agra Road which passes through this town is inter-sected by Lucknow-Bareilly-Jaipur metre gauge line which results in traffic jam on the road for quite a long time. Similarly, a broad gauge line originating from Hathras intersects the Mathura-Bareilly main road resulting in heavy traffic jam. People and the vehicles have to wait for a long time at these level crossings. This is a national highway and there is a heavy traffic on the road. People have been demanding construction of an overbridge on the metre gauge line and one on the broad gauge line on Hathras junction road for a long time. But nothing has been done so far in this regard.

I, urge upon the Hon. Minister of Railways to construct an overbridge there on this national highway.

**(vi) Need to include proposed water reservoir at Kadvan in Bihar under Sone River Modernisation Programme during Eighth Five Year Plan**

SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN (Sasaram) : Sir, about 23 lakh acres of land in six districts of central Bihar is irrigated through the century old Sone canal system and about one crore peopel depend on it for their livelihood. But this irrigation system is going to crumble in the absence of proper repair and maintenance. There